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## RECENT EDUCATION DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

<https://www.dre.ca.gov/Licensees/CourseProviderActions.html>

### BAR ORDER ISSUED AGAINST CAREER COMPASS, INC. AND WELLINGTON PENDELL

On November 1, 2022, the California Department of Real Estate (DRE) issued a **bar order** against **Wellington D. Pendell** and the **Career Compass, Inc.** for a period of thirty six (36) months.

During this time, the bar order prohibits Mr. Pendell and the Career Compass, Inc. from participating or engaging in any of the following activities within the State of California:

- Engaging in any business activity involving real estate that is subject to regulation under [Division 4, Section 10000 through 11288 of the Business and Professions Code](#).
- Participating in any activity for which a California real estate salesperson or broker license is required.
- Engaging in any real estate related business activity that requires a California real estate license.
- Participating in any real estate related business activity of a finance, lender, residential mortgage lender, bank, credit union, escrow company, title company, or underwritten title company,
- Holding any position of employment, management, control or ownership as a real estate broker, salesperson, or an unlicensed person.

Previously, DRE took action against Mr. Pendell and Career Compass, Inc. and had removed their approval to offer continuing education courses.

Copies of the previous disciplinary action taken against Mr. Pendell and Career Compass can be found at <https://dre.ca.gov/Licensees/CourseProviderActions.html>.

#### Background

On May 28, 2014, in Case Nos. [H-4486 SD](#) and [H-4487 SD](#), the Real Estate Commissioner withdrew approval for CAREER COMPASS to provide Continuing Education (CE) courses, and for Wellington Pendell to serve as the instructor for CE courses.

On December 31, 2014, the Real Estate Commissioner issued a Desist and Refrain against Career Compass for disseminating any advertising or promotional material for a continuing education offering fulfilling, or purporting to fulfill, the requirements for a renewal of a California real estate license, that contained false and/or misleading statements. This Desist and Refrain Order was affirmed by Decision in Case No. [H-4684 SD](#) on July 27, 2015.

## **DRE withdraws approval of continuing education course from course provider Michelle Hermanson**

Effective January 10, 2023, DRE entered a default order against course provider **Michelle Hermanson** in Case No. [H-42222 LA](#).

The default decision withdrew the approval of the course offered by Ms. Hermanson, titled Consumer Protection Guide course number 6099-1002, because the course no longer met the statutory and regulatory standards for approval.